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Granby BOS talks MVP grant

By Melina Bourdeau
Staff writer

GRANBY – The Granby Selectboard heard from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission about the upcoming task of integrating climate resilience into a master plan through a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness grant.

Patty Gambarini of Pioneer Valley Planning Commission presented the project to the board last week.

The town, partnering with PVPC and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, are working on two major elements of the grant – regulatory review for resilience and updating the town's 2016 master plan.

The town is on a tight deadline to have the work completed by June 2021. Using \$34,272 in grant funding and about \$19,000 from the town, the total project cost is \$53,304.

Regulatory review

"The regulatory review for resilience is being more able to adapt to changes we're seeing in weather due to climate," she said.

She said she would be doing most of the work related to regulatory review.

"The major piece of work is on stormwater management and integrating the consideration of new rainfall data that's much more updated than the 1960s data, or before 1960s, that a lot

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Without wasting time, holiday decorations are being hung around the Village Commons in downtown South Hadley.

Photo by Dalton Zbierski

Non-members of TM may speak

*Town Meeting
voters determine
if they do so*

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – The Bylaw Review Committee used its Nov. 10 virtual meeting to revisit a tense exchange that unfolded this summer.

The incident in question occurred when Town Meeting members attempted to allow a non-member to speak at the annual Town Meeting in June. Town Moderator John Hine initially refused to allow the resident to speak, believing the moderator had the authority to make that decision.

On Nov. 10, Bylaw Review Committee Vice Chair Anne Awad alluded to the June 17 exchange and Hine's misguided

approach.

"We discovered that many Town Meeting members were not aware of the bylaw that allows motions to be made from the floor to recognize speakers, and that the majority votes of Town Meeting members that can override a moderator's decision," said Awad.

With the delayed fall Town Meeting scheduled for January,

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School committee selects superintendent

*Dr. Jahmal Mosley
unanimously
approved*

By MELINA BOURDEAU
Staff writer

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley School Committee voted on its next superintendent last Friday, after about a year of searching.

The selected candidate is Dr. Jahmal Mosley, who was unanimously approved by the committee in a special committee meeting last Friday.

Joining Mosley as candidates for the position were acting South Hadley Superintendent Dr. Diana Bonneville and Dr. Carole Learned-Miller.

Mosley, started his career in the Cambridge and Worcester public schools as a special education teacher before entering the world of school administration.

"He was an assistant principal for four years in Massachusetts before becoming a principal in both Brattleboro, Vermont and then Somerset," said School Committee member Allison Schlachter in an earlier school committee meeting. "He then became an assistant superintendent of curriculum and administration in the Sharon Public School system in Sharon. (He) is currently superintendent of schools in the city of Nashua, New Hampshire. He has a lot of Massachusetts experience and is currently in New Hampshire. Dr. Mosley got his doctorate in education with a fo-



Dr. Jahmal Mosley was selected by the South Hadley School Committee last week to be the next superintendent.

cus on education, administration, policy and research also at UMAss Amherst."

The committee deliberated for over an hour and half on Friday before selecting Mosley.

School Committee Chair Kyle

Belanger began the discussion saying the group "asked for rock stars a year ago and we got them" and there was no wrong decision among the three candidates.

He said the superintendent position is "more than just the top of an organizational chart."

"The decision to choose a superintendent has short and long-term implications," said Belanger. "It challenges the spirit of town; it pushes and pulls the overall leadership structure from town hall to literally every dining room table in town."

Although committee members and student representative, Maddie Foley, were divided between Bonneville and Mosley, the discussion consisted of looking to the future of the district.

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Granby continues in-person learning

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

GRANBY – Even as surrounding school districts shift back entirely to remote learning, Granby Public Schools students will continue to enter the classroom multiple times each week. The Granby School Committee discussed the impact that COVID-19 continues to have during its Nov. 17 meeting.

In nearby Chicopee, South Hadley and Holyoke, the majority of students are attending school virtually each day. Granby is, nonetheless, holding out hope that children and teenagers can continue to learn in person.

To better enhance the safety of its students, the district has elected to alter its mask break policy. The decision was made in conjunction with the Granby Board of Health, as was shared by interim Superintendent Carol Hepworth last Tuesday.

“The Board of Health has taken a hard stance on the mask break policy,” she said. “We have determined that this policy of taking breaks from wearing masks while indoors other than for eating and drinking is not permitted. We have reviewed the [MA Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education’s] guidance and believe that our position is supported within it.”

Hepworth added that the Board of Health would have rejected the policy as “an unacceptable high risk,” even if the course of action was not supported by DESE. Mask breaks, however, will still continue outdoors.

“Mask breaks will happen outside,”

said Hepworth. “They will have snack indoors, quiet activities with no talking, but any other mask breaks will happen outside of the school. We’re following that, and both schools have been notified.”

School Committee Chair Emre Evren supported the revised policy. He did, however, question how exactly outdoor masks breaks will be plausible as winter arrives, and temperatures dip.

“I’m wondering if there will be any new challenges coming when the weather gets cold. The mask break will be outside, but we’re still able to go outside for a short period of time, and it’s all good. When it starts getting very cold, I’m wondering what that may lead to,” said Evren.

Committee member Audrey Siudak seconded Evren’s concerns. She noted that the windows inside the school buildings are currently left open to allow for ventilation, a safe practice that could invite unwanted complications.

“Here, we have windows open for ventilation, and we know from when we went into the buildings, there are seats right next to the windows,” said Siudak. “What’s concerning to me is what we’re doing on days where it’s 18 degrees [Fahrenheit]. Are the kids wearing coats in the classroom? Should we prepare parents to have [their children] bring layers? I think there needs to be some open communication there.”

Hepworth responded that families will be notified to bring additional clothing for chilly school days. She added that the temperature of a room will rise or fall depending on how many students are in it and that each room is different.

“It depends on what room you’re in. There are certain rooms that are very warm and others where it’s colder,” she said. “If you’re the only person in the room, it’s going to be freezing, but if you put a bunch of bodies in there, it’s going to go up.”

On Nov. 17, Hepworth also divulged that the district is reporting 10 or less cases of COVID-19 but noted that an “uptick” has been observed. Whereas, previously, cases were primarily limited to family members, COVID-19 is now “a little more diverse.”

The state modified its metrics for high risk of COVID-19 transmission on Nov. 6. As he looks to assess the status of the district, Evren questioned the complex change.

“It’s saying that in the previous week you were in danger and, this week, even with more cases, you may be considered a safe haven. The nonchalant way that they announced those, you know, ‘Hey, we came up with these new policies,’ was really striking to me,” said Evren.

“I do appreciate the fact that there is concern about the fact that we are in the middle of a major surge, but it’s just that the mixed messages make it difficult for the public and also for institutions like schools where everything is hanging on the balance and anything can change at any moment. That wasn’t easy to follow for me,” Evren continued.

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Festival of Wreaths

SOUTH HADLEY – The Morning Star Community Baptist Church of South Hadley Falls, welcomes the community to join in the Festival of Wreaths on three consecutive Saturdays from 12 to 4 p.m. on Nov. 28, Dec. 5 and Dec. 12.

Uniquely themed, hand crafted wreaths will be displayed through the building, allowing for social distancing while viewing.

In exchange for an entrance fee of \$2, receive raffle tickets to enter to win your favorite wreath. Winners will be announced on Dec. 12.

Outdoor craft activities will be available for children, weather permitting.

Funds are being raised to benefit the future opening of BigMa’s Soup Kitchen. Face masks required, social distancing observed.

COLLEGE NOTES

Local student named to the dean’s list at MCPHS University

BOSTON – MCPHS University is pleased to announce the student who has been named to the Dean’s List for the Fall 2019 semester:

Thy Ton-Morrison is a native of Granby and is pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy. Thy will graduate in 2022 from the Boston, Massachusetts campus.

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2021 REFUSE & RECYCLING SCHEDULE

HOLIDAYS: The following six holidays usually affect the collection schedule. These are the only holidays which will alter curbside pickup. Following are the six holidays in 2021:

1. New Year’s Day, Friday, January 1st
2. Memorial Day, Monday, May 31st
3. Independence Day, Schedule not affected
4. Labor Day, Monday, September 6th
5. Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25th
6. Christmas Day, Schedule not affected

When a holiday falls on a collection day, there is no service that day, and the week’s schedule is moved to the following day. Each route will be pushed forward one day following the holiday, with Friday’s pickup occurring on a Saturday.

Other important dates:

The dates for the 2021 Household Hazardous Waste event and the Paper Shredding event are to be determined.

Please note: The Police Department accepts unwanted medications and medical sharps in special kiosks in the lobby 24/7.

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EDITORIAL

Small businesses need you more than ever now

At the end of the day, any business depends on a favorable bottom line. It's the number that ultimately decides if a business owner can keep that "open" sign on the door. But that doesn't mean all business is transactional. That's especially true for small businesses.

Local businesses have always been a cornerstone of their communities. For them, it's not just about selling goods or services. It's about being a good neighbor. Supporting local causes. Lending expertise in schools and places of worship. Restaurants and cafes aren't just places to eat. It's where people bond, celebrate and collaborate.

Most people first experience the life-changing thrill of earning a wage for an honest day's work at a small shop.

And many future entrepreneurs started learning about how business works and finding their inspiration at those first jobs at a small, local business.



When there's a tragedy or a crisis, you can bet your bottom dollar local business owners are there helping any way they can.

That's why it's more important than ever to support them in their time of need.

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a toll on all of us, and small businesses have absorbed unprecedented challenges. "Small Business Saturday" may sound like a cute catch phrase, but the intent runs so much deeper.

While we hope everyone shops locally as often as possible, this Saturday is an opportunity to remind those local business owners how much you appreciate them. Many have just managed to hang on during the pandemic and any day you can help them exceed expectations provides the confidence they need to keep going.

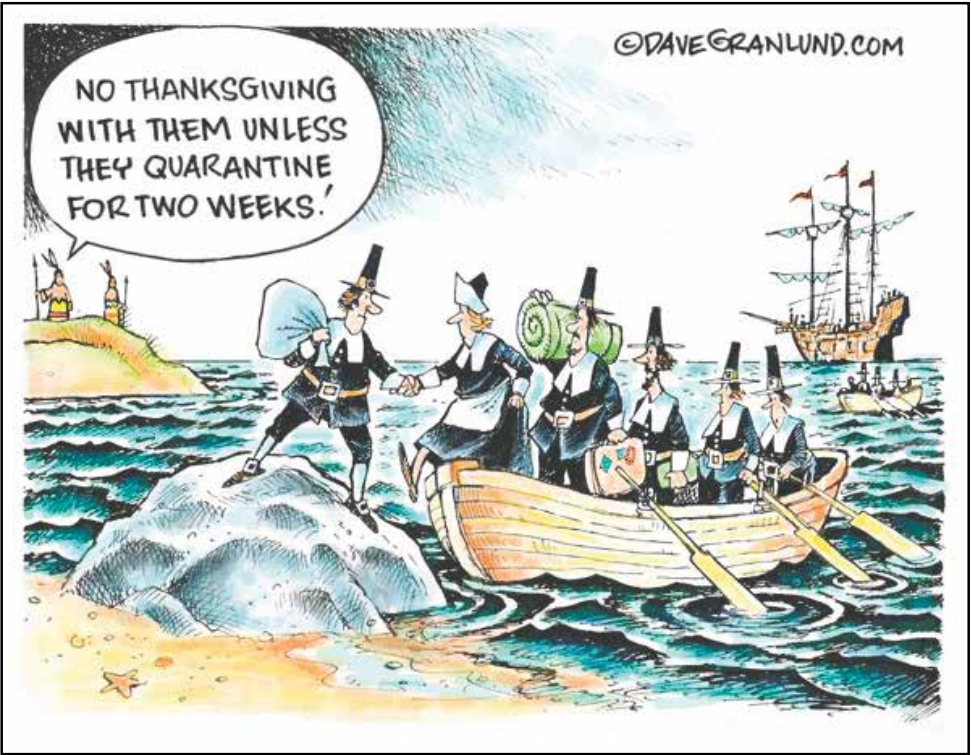
A show of support is particularly important now. An expected next wave of coronavirus infections could again ripple through small business communities across the U.S.

It was reported in the New York Times on Sunday that "sluggish retail sales growth in October, rising claims for unemployment insurance last week and a multi-week decline in employment and hours worked at small businesses nationwide have increased the odds that the economy could tip back into recession."

Not that it's inevitable. If we all do our part by following the guidelines designed to stop the spread of infection, that's another way to support small businesses. A healthy community is a healthy customer base.

Across our pages, you'll see the names of our advertising partners and we urge you to give them your business. And there are so many others in your area. Not all of them have brick and mortar shops. Many small business, from artisans to professional service providers, are based locally and operating virtually. Please seek them all out. Ask your friends and neighbors for recommendations. Check social media. Help local restaurants keep going by buying gift cards or certificates from them as presents.

You all have a ton of civic and community pride. Supporting small businesses is another chance to show it and we hope you take every opportunity.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Bynan Conversation Area seeks hikers and naturalists

The Bynan Conservation Area is a treasure trove of plant and animal diversity. South Hadley jewel has well-marked color-coded trails. A trail map can be obtained online.

To access this area, take Lyman Terrace and park in the dirt area, just after you passed under the powerlines, on the left side of the road. The powerline road will you to the woods trails or you may start your trek on the blur trail across from where you parked. A conversation sign signals the trail head.

The trails can be enjoyed in the winter as well. You may find cross country ski tracks in fresh fallen snow or the wide prints of snowshoers.

Take the family for an outdoor trek and adventure close to home.

Bill Paul

GUEST COLUMN

Time to shop for the gardener in your life

My kids have been busy making their Christmas wish lists. Over the years I have saved the "rough drafts." You know, the list that doesn't get sent to Santa. It's a walk down Memory Lane to look these over. Just the change in their handwriting is enough to make a Momma cry, never mind all the requests for baby dolls and princess this or that! Those days are over, sniffle, sniffle...but today's pastime got me thinking about my favorite gift recommendations for the gardener in your life. Let's start with tools!

Hands down, my favorite tool is the spade. It's similar to a short handled shovel with an ever so slightly tapered, yet straight rectangular blade. I have an antique spade with a worn wooden handle that belonged to my dad. I use it to "edge" shrub beds or other gardens to keep them distinct from the lawn. A spade is also great for dividing overgrown perennials. Simply use the blade to chop the plant into manageable pieces. It is likewise indispensable for moving or removing trees and shrubs, cutting through tough roots in no time flat.

If I had to name a runner up, it would be the scuffle hoe. Get your friend one of these and with 20 minutes of "aerobic exercise" three times a week, their garden will be weed free! A gentle back and forth action slices the weeds at the soil line without turning the soil over too much or bringing new seeds to light.

One tool that I couldn't live without come harvest time are my garden shears. They look very much like scissors with shorter blades. Useful as an all around pruner, this tool is surprisingly sharp, lightweight, and comfortable in your hands even after lots of work. I only wish they weren't black; I need to spray paint the handles neon orange so that I don't

IN THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid

keep losing them amongst the plant material.

Once the weather breaks your favorite gardener can get a jump start on the growing season with a gift of IRT mulch. For crops such as pumpkins, melons, eggplant, peppers and other heat-lovers, it is an indispensable tool. Simply roll out the black plastic-like mulch two weeks before planting time to warm the soil. When ready to plant, simply cut and "X" into the mulch and position the seedling into the soil. Plants generally grow faster and will ripen sooner than those growing without the mulch. In addition, they suffer next to nil competition from weeds.

Even though it will be a while until we can get our hands into the soil again, many gardeners will start off the New Year with a seed catalog or two in hand. To be able to grow the great variety of tasty veggies and colorful flowers seen on the glossy pages of these pamphlets, we really must learn to start our own transplants from seed. Then, the sky is really the limit!

Without the right amount of light and warmth, however, indoor seed starting can be discouraging. Often times transplants end up so leggy that they collapse. Or, worse yet, seeds rot in the soil without ever even germinating. Spare your loved one the heartbreak and get them a heated mat and a shop light with fluorescent bulbs. The mat will provide warmth at the root zone to encourage speedy, even germination and the light, when positioned just inches above the growing seedlings, will promote sturdy, strong growth.

Search out local garden centers and nurseries for these and other innovative gardening implements for your friends and family this holiday season. Two mail order compa-

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A QUOTE

of NOTE

“The decision to choose a superintendent has short and long-term implications. It challenges the spirit of town; it pushes and pulls the overall leadership structure from town hall to literally every dining room table in town.”

School Committee Chair
Kyle Belanger in the story
“School committee selects superintendent.”

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Chamber endorses traditions with a twist

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – This holiday season, the South Hadley & Granby Chamber of Commerce is endorsing a pair of annual celebrations, both of which will incorporate new twists. Small Business Saturday and the Holiday Stroll are set to occur, as each initiative will take on a unique look.

“Traditions are the cornerstone of who we are as a community. They’ve just been reimagined this year in order to do them in a way that is safe,” said Chamber President Michelle Theroux.

Small Business Saturday is scheduled for Nov. 28. The national campaign was launched a decade ago by American Express and occurs annually on the Saturday following Thanksgiving.

Last year, American Express reported that American consumers spent nearly \$20 billion at independent stores and restaurants on Small Business Saturday. In South Hadley and Granby, dozens of businesses are preparing to capitalize on one of their busiest days of the year.

This year is unlike any other, however. The COVID-19 pandemic has forced small business owners to reinvent their strategies, which will be put to the ultimate test on Saturday.

Theroux is confident that local establishments will find success on Nov. 28.

“For a lot of us, COVID has highlighted the resiliency and creativity that comes from our local community. There’s everything from curbside pickup to online ordering. If you are not comfortable going into a store, there are definitely options that are very reflective of 2020 and the precautions we all need to take in order to keep everyone safe,” said Theroux.

Theroux further advocated for local small business owners, noting that they’ve gone to great lengths to follow protocol and preserve safety. She feels as though the designs of most small businesses favor the well-being of customers.

“Small businesses are able to keep their customers safe,” she said. “They’re typically smaller stores so they’re able to clean and disinfect more thoroughly. The dressing rooms are monitored differently than some of the larger stores so really all the safeguards that we’ve come to associate



The South Hadley & Granby Chamber of Commerce's annual Holiday Stroll will be held this year at Beers & Story Funeral Home on Newton St.

Photos by
Dalton Zbierski

The back parking lot of the Beers & Story Funeral Home on Newton St. looks bare today, but on Dec. 4 it will house the Holiday Stroll.

pen in the situation that we’re currently in, but one of our local members, Beers & Story Funeral Homes here in South Hadley, agreed to support our event and the community,” said Theroux.

The Dec. 4 drive through affair will offer young residents an opportunity to greet both Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Theroux expanded upon the format.

“The driveway will be decorated so as cars pull in, they’ll drive along,” she said. “There will be booths and tents set up by our sponsors and some of our members giving out COVID-friendly giveaways. No one gets out of their car so social distancing remains in place. There will be holiday music piped through, and, then, Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be under the portego of Beers & Story to greet them.”

Children can drop their Christmas wish lists and letters to Santa into a mailbox that will be made available along the drive through. As part of the event, the Chamber will also hold its annual coloring contest; the coloring sheet is available on the Chamber’s website.

Theroux is excited for the holiday season. She is hopeful that the Holiday Stroll will bring smiles to the faces of all who participate, especially South Hadley and Granby’s youngest residents.

“So much of these kids’ lives have been changed and altered, and there hasn’t been a whole lot of fun or it’s been really clouded. This provides them with an opportunity to do what is a tradition; it just might look and feel a little bit different this year,” said Theroux.

More information on Chamber events can be found at shgchamber.com.

with COVID-19 are in place to potentially even a greater degree in your local, smaller businesses.”

Theroux reminded residents that Small Business Saturday falls on only one day each year and that it’s critical to support local businesses all year round.

On Dec. 4, the Chamber will continue another tradition, the “Holiday Stroll,” during which Santa will arrive in South Hadley.

In the past, the annual endeavor has been held at the Village Commons and included live music, hot chocolate, cookie crafting stations and face painting. This year, the event will be held at the Beers & Story Funeral Home on Newton St. and

take on a different shape.

“Not many of those activities can hap-

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GARDEN

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nies that carry the some of the products I mentioned include Johnny’s Selected Seeds in Winslow, Maine (johnnyseeds.com) and Fedco Seeds in Waterville Maine (fedcoseeds.com).

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the

Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

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Shopping small more important in pandemic

By Melina Bourdeau
Staff report

REGION – Members of the local business communities are hopeful that Small business Saturday will kick off a shopping season supporting the businesses hurt the most by the COVID-19.

President of the Board of Directors of the South Hadley and Granby Chamber of Commerce, Michelle Theroux said throughout the pandemic, small businesses have suffered a blow.

“Big box stores and retailers didn’t get hit the way small businesses have,” she said. “People realize and recognize that. I hope that people support small businesses beyond the holiday season, too.”

Businesses such as those in the Village Commons in South Hadley have events such as a weeklong event featuring deals such as reduced prices, Theroux said.

“Businesses are making modifications to give people more opportunities to support them rather than things they would traditionally do and could do online,” she said. “For those who would like to don’t feel comfortable or safe can use online options, too...In small business communities like ours, businesses want to take care of customers that are loyal to them.”

Theroux said small businesses are likely to be able to provide unique gift ideas as well as alternative gifts.

“There are things that have changed because of the pandemic, but I think the ability to be creative is more compelling,” said Theroux. “You get something that has more of a boutique quality.”

She said there are promotional

events coming on social media including Othersidema, an Instagram account that focuses on tourism information in Hampshire county.

“There is a takeover Tuesday we have for South Hadley and Granby as well as other towns in Hampshire County,” said Theroux. “They have idea of places to go, gift ideas and local businesses.”

To find more information on the upcoming event as well as a list of members of the South Hadley and Granby Chamber of Commerce, go to <https://www.shgchamber.com/>.

Shannon Green said one thing consumers should remember is that local businesses are “here no matter what.”

“The main thing is that by shopping and supporting local businesses, even though they can cost more...remember you are contributing to your own community and helps it stay on its feet,” said Green, Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation project specialist and local business owner of Jay’s Wicked. “I don’t think people always grasp that. But it truly is and that’s something I love. (By shopping local) you’re contributing to your own community.”

She said for shoppers looking to go in person, local business owners are willing to help.

“If you call and ask, if they can bring out something they have or ask them questions – contact with them,” Green said. “They go above and beyond for people.”

She said there are stores that have stock in local products, such as Jay’s Wicked which is stocked at Talk of the Town in Ware, the Hardwick Coop, Phoenix Fruit Farm in Belchertown.

Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation Execu-

tive Director Sheila Cuddy said she wanted to remind people that “small business Saturday should just a kick off the season.”

For those that want to help local businesses in addition to shopping, use social media.

“Be a good neighbor, tell them you care,” Cuddy said. “I think a little gesture – tell them that you like them, support them on social media, increase the number of people that know about them. Word of mouth is the best testimony a small business can have. If you’re happy with something make sure you spread the word.”

Shopping recommendations include gift certificates, especially for businesses that may still be closed, buying a service or a food share in the case of a local farm.

For those who are looking to shop in person, Cuddy recommends calling the business ahead of time, checking social media for their hours or to see if a business might offer curbside pick up.

“If you happen shop in bigger store and see local products, take an extra minute to thank them for stocking that in store,” Cuddy added.

Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce member, Andrew Philbrook said he recommends shopping at local businesses that people haven’t frequented before.

“Try exploring things you never thought to shop at before,” he said. “Find different ways to support businesses like sharing posts on Facebook, or a good review on Yelp or telling a friend. It doesn’t cost anything.”

He said businesses that are members of the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce can be found online at <https://qhma.com/list/>.

Yuletide craft sale

BELCHERTOWN – The Belchertown Historical Association is proud to announce its annual YULETIDE craft sale is being held online this year. The market place can be found at StoneHouseMuseum.com until Dec. 15.

Handcrafted items from local artisans are being showcased that will help you to complete your holiday gift list and support your local history museum. Wreaths, books, greeting cards, photographs, pottery, jewelry, knitted items, some of the association’s famous “gently used pocket-books,” along with many other assorted items are available for purchase.

Any items purchased online will be delivered to the buyer’s door in plenty of time for the holidays.

Current health and safety guidelines prevent the association from welcoming visitors into the Stone House Museum for the holidays. Showing the museum festively decorated for the season has always been a time of pride and satisfaction for the Historical Association. Allowing the association to share with the community a sample of what the holidays looked like two centuries ago.

However, the association encourages people to browse its collection of gifts online in the market place.



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of our regulatory code refers to,” Gambarini said. “There are a lot of standards for MS4 standards including that projects take a low impact development approach.”

PVPC will look at permitting and process, which “needs to be aligned with the other permits required.”

Erosion and sediment control standards will be looked as well.

“Another thing that was included in the proposal is a policy for green streets and green infrastructure,” Gambarini said. “This essentially serves as intent on the side of the town to give consideration to green infrastructure in all public projects – along roadways, municipal facilities, akin to what is in the stormwater management bylaw.”

The remaining two pieces are subdivision regulations and zoning bylaw.

The process includes getting a working group together to discuss

the updates and permitting timelines, working at draft updates and present them to town boards for comments.

“At least on the stormwater management side of things, there so much that is required in the MS4 permit and it has to be done by June 30, 2021,” said Gambarini. “The plan is to finalize that for town council review and bring it to spring town meeting.”

Climate updates to the master plan

Gambarini told the board about the climate updates which are “working through the 2016 you have and the nine elements or chapters to integrate the major priorities, issues and concerns that were identified in those scope of finds we did through the community resilience building workshops which occurred in 2018.”

The goal is create items the town can take action on.

There will also be a community survey to capture the “idea of what

people’s experiences are of changing weather patterns,” Gambarini said.

One example she provided was in Agawam an interactive map where people reported areas of town that experienced flooding.

The process for updating the master plan is similar to that of the regulatory review – creating a working group, create and administer a community survey, develop draft updates for committee review, present it to committee for comment and finalize it with town boards.

Gambarini said this month would also be the time to identify members of the working groups.

“In early Dec. have those first meetings of the working groups,” she said. “We’re thinking that these might be a lot of the same folks, there are a lot of interrelated considerations that would be good to have follow through from the regulatory side to the master plan, so it could be the same group.”

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ATVs asked leave Bynan be

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – An ATV and dirt bike problem continues to plague the 162-acre Bynan Conservation Area, which borders New Ludlow Rd, Lyman Ter and Bartlett St. The Conservation Commission revisited the prolonged issue during its Nov. 18 meeting.

“It is clear that this use is pretty intense and has been going on for a long time. In terms of impact to Bynan, I was in there the other day, and there’s tons of evidence of ATV use,” said Conservation Administrator/Planner Anne Capra. “The trails are very clear and wide and easy to walk but they’re not meant to be shared use trails. It creates a hazard.”

Undeterred, motorized vehicles have illegally traversed the trails within the conservation area for years. Capra is afraid that it is only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured.

“If someone zips around the corner on an ATV while you’re walking your dog, you could get run over,” she said.

Earlier this year, Capra oversaw a mailing that was delivered to approximately 300 residences in proximity of the conservation area, urging townsfolk to keep their eyes peeled for dirt bikes and ATVs. The effort has already proven itself as worthwhile.

“I received a detailed report from a property owner, an abutter of Bynan, I shared that information with the police chief, and her patrolmen did go and visit those property owners and issued the first citation to a 14-year-old kid riding an ATV this weekend,” said Capra.

On many occasions, Capra has requested a stronger police presence at the site. She noted that Police Chief Jennifer Gundersen and Town Administrator Michael Sullivan told her that patrolling conservation areas is beyond the department’s capacity.

Capra’s office has also contacted the Massachusetts Environmental Police, which replied that it cannot assist the

town in preventing motor vehicle use inside of the conservation area. Despite its lack of progress, the commission holds out hope that authorities can intervene on a larger scale.

“As an alternative, I have asked what it would cost and what we can consider if we could just get someone to be in there for four hours on a Saturday a couple times a month,” said Capra. “We’d just like an idea of what it would cost and if it’s something that, if the cost is reasonable, maybe we have land stewardship money. Maybe that’s what we should spend some of our money on.”

Capra hinted at the possibility of asking for an appropriation at next year’s Annual Town Meeting. Commission Chair Bill DeLuca had an idea of his own.

“Would it be wise to publish a notice in the Town Reminder that those areas are off limits? People are coming from Chicopee so we could reach out to the Chicopee Register. We can look into those aspects,” he said.

Capra was skeptical that a newspaper could aid in the process but understood entirely where DeLuca was coming from.

“I don’t think 14-year-old kids are reading the Chicopee Register or the Town Reminder, but we certainly could do more promotions. The more notices we post, the less liability we have,” she said.

Several months ago, the town added boulders near two of the conservation area’s trailheads, but ATVs and dirt bikes continue to gain access to the property. In the near future, Capra plans to personally install more signage but admits that it will be a difficult battle to win.

“This population; these are 10 to 16-year-old kids. When I was that age, I rode my bike wherever I wanted; it wasn’t motorized. It’s a tricky one. Those kids are tricky; they’re having a lot of fun,” she said.

Anyone who observes illegal motor vehicle use at the Bynan Conservation Area is advised to contact Capra at acapra@southhadleyma.gov.



Courtesy photos
Author Jeff Kinney with his fans Benjamin Benoit, Ryan Roulier, Eli Nott and Marcantonio Kupin in Granby.

‘Wimpy kid’ author visits Granby

GRANBY – When a “Diary of a Wimpy Kid Deep End Pool Party” van arrived with author Jeff Kinney and his “lifeguards” at super fan, Ryan Roulier’s home in Granby it wasn’t just a regular day.

Jeff Kinney recently had a Diary of a Wimpy Kid “deep end pool party” event at the Eric Carle Museum, and Kinney was chosen as one special local fan to receive an actual home visit from Jeff Kinney with some pool party fun; water balloons and catapult, snacks and more. Kinney was able to invite three friends and Jeff brought and signed books for all.

Kinney donned a “Wimpy Kid” mask, put out his complete collection of “Diary of a Wimpy Kid” books and served Wimpy Kid mini cakes that his grandmother made.

“It was one of the most amazing experiences ever,” Kinney’s mom, Jenn Roulier said. “I cried many happy tears watching the joy in the kids as they played, chatted and simply hung out with this world famous author that has sold millions of Ryan’s favorite books!”



“Super fan” Ryan Roulier got to meet “Diary of a Wimpy Kid” author Jeff Kinney.



Benjamin Benoit and Ryan Roulier speak with author Jeff Kinney in Granby when he stopped with his “Deep end pool party” van.

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Courtesy photos
Two intrigued patrons safely enjoy all that the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art in Amherst has to offer.

Picture That:

Eric Carle Museum pivots for pandemic

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

AMHERST – The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art in Amherst is a hidden gem that can be found amid the farmlands of western Massachusetts. The institution displays more than 12,000 objects and illustrations split between multiple galleries, a studio and numerous libraries.

Named after famed 91-year-old illustrator and children’s book author Eric Carle, creator of, “The Very Hungry Caterpillar,” the Carle preserves, presents and celebrates picture books and picture book illustrations from all over the world.

Not unlike other similar institutions, the Carle encountered an obstacle in the shape of the COVID-19 pandemic. While the circumstances are not picturesque, the Amherst facility has pivoted well in the face of adversity.

“Our staff has put a whole lot of time into thinking about the flow of the guest experience and making sure it’s a positive one but also a safe one for everyone. Like most museums, it’s required a lot of teamwork and communication and making sure we’re following state guidelines and policies,” Courtney Waring, director of education at the Carle.



Staff members at the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art in Amherst stay masked up in accordance to state guidelines.

The museum closed to the public in March at the onset of the pandemic, and its doors remained closed until Aug. 1. Virtual programming and online galleries kept the Carle afloat for nearly five months.

“A lot of us found ourselves working from home, but previous to that, our team had already been doing virtual programs,

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Tigers battle to draw in final game

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – The nine seniors on the South Hadley girls soccer team were able to accomplish something during their high school career’s which normally does not happen very often.

The seniors never lost a regular season or postseason match on their home field.

The Lady Tigers capped off the 2020 campaign with a 3-3 home draw against the Belchertown Lady Orioles on a beautiful fall day on Nov. 10.

“It was a hard-fought battle today,” said Rich Marjanski, who also hasn’t lost a home match during the four years that he’s been coaching the Lady Tigers varsity soccer team. “I’m very proud with the way my players played. They left it all on the field. Belchertown is a very good team and they did beat us on their field earlier in the season.”

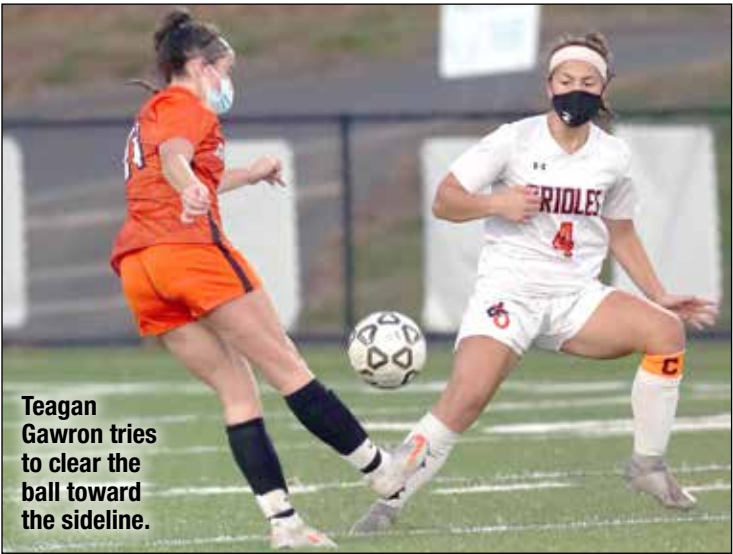
The Lady Tigers finished the season with an 7-2-1 record, while the Lady Orioles, who defeated Amherst the following afternoon, posted a 7-0-1 record.

The Lady Tigers seniors are

Anna Evans, Jaidan Luis, Teagan Gawron, Siobhan McAllister, Molly Goshea, Myah Houle, Allie Laporte, Macey Moriarty, and Paige Marjanski.

“The seniors did a very good job of teaching the younger kids about the winning tradition that we’ve built during the past couple of years,” coach Marjanski

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Teagan Gawron tries to clear the ball toward the sideline.



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ABOVE: Rylee Suchenicz makes the catch on a shot on goal.

LEFT: Lauren Marjanski fights for possession of the ball.

Indoor track could move to bubble season

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – Could indoor track become outdoor track this year?

Indoor track coaches around the region are looking at the possibility of that if a different solution is not found to hold indoor track when the winter season starts in January.

Indoor track facilities are few and far between in Western Massachusetts.

The teams in the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference have typically used Smith College over the past several years.

Several teams would each participate in one of two meets on Friday evenings. There would be a meet at 3:45 p.m. and a second meet at 6:45 p.m. Schools would be counted with certain schools matching up their results individually.

Smith College, like many college campuses, are not open for high schools to use for track meets. Springfield College, which has indoor track facilities, is also not available due to the pandemic.

With the Fall 2 or bubble season set to happen in February,



Indoor track is usually held at Smith College in Northampton, but that facility is unavailable this winter due to the pandemic.

coaches are discussing the idea of doing indoor track at the various artificial turf facilities available throughout the region.

“If the weather cooperates, we would be able to hold meets outside and would not have to rent a place like Smith College,” said Agawam High School track coach Dan Pryce. “We would have to modify a few of the events, but it would work really well.”

During indoor track, the running events including the 55 meter, 300 meter, 600 meter, and

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Hurdles are another event that is part of the indoor track season.

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Winter season postponed until January 2021

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REGION – In a bit of a switch from the normal decision-making processes filtering down, the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference made a pre-emptive decision about the upcoming winter season.

In Western Massachusetts, there will be no winter sports action before Jan. 14. Practices cannot begin before Jan. 4.

Agawam High School Athletic Director David Stratton, a member of the PVIAC Board of Directors, said he believes a similar decision will be made by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association in the coming weeks.

“We looked at a number of things as it related to this decision,” said Stratton.

The top factor was learning from what schools and communities went through in the fall season.

“A number of towns and their schools had to go in front of their school committees and the respective boards of

health,” said Stratton. “And those boards only meet once or twice a month, so it took some times for towns to get the various approvals needed.”

Taking into account a full season will not be played, Stratton said delaying the season to January was the easiest step to take.

Just like the fall season, teams will play in geographic bubbles and will only be able to get about 10 to 12 games at the most played.

Taking into account the holiday breaks as well as the winter weather, the winter season is usually the longest, starting in early December and ending in mid-March.

Stratton said other factors played into making the decision even easier to make. He said the current spike in COVID-19 cases made it easier for the PVIAC to take a break. The break will keep more students at home and reduce exposure to the virus as the country prepares for possible distribution of a vaccine.

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Pioneers begin road to return

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The tryout starts with some stretching.

LUDLOW – The Western United Pioneers have had a long-standing tradition of great spring and summer soccer throughout the years, only to have that tradition, like many others, stopped by COVID-19. With a vaccine on the horizon and hope for a regular 2021 season, the Pi-

oneers hosted tryouts for their Senior League team. Several male competitors came out Saturday, Nov. 14 to try and make the team. Players from all over the Western Mass. region made their way to the tryout. Younger players tried out for the youth Pioneers teams throughout last week.



Darren Zaldivar, of Ludlow, focuses during the tryout.



Noah Dunn, of Wilbraham, works out for Pioneers coaches.

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said. “We weren’t playing very well at the beginning of this season, but we just kept better and better in every game. Towards the end of the season, we were playing very good soccer.”
Belchertown head coach Kyle Thibeault would’ve probably liked to have faced South Hadley a couple of more times this fall because it was a challenging match for his players.
“I wish we could’ve played South Hadley more than twice because they’re the best team that we faced this year,” Thibeault said. “We did beat them earlier in the season and I knew this game was going to be another battle. South Hadley never gave up even when they were behind.”

The Lady Orioles seniors are Olivia Vogel, Maya Monteiro, Kate Calnan, Alexa Ribeiro, Megan Gilman, Nicole Hubbard, Erin Lucas, and Brooke Samborski.
“The seniors have been very positive,” Thibeault added. “It was a much different season because of COVID, but I’m just happy that they had an opportunity to play soccer this year. We also didn’t lose a game, which was one of our team goals before the season started.”
It was a memorable week for Samborski, who signed her National Letter of Intent to become a member of the women’s soccer team at the University of New Hampshire next year.

Lucas, who’s also planning on playing college soccer next year at Clark University, assisted on the Lady Orioles first goal, which was scored by junior Alexa LaFlamme less than four minutes into the opening quarter. LaFlamme also scored a goal in the first meeting of the season between the two squads, which Belchertown won by the final score of 6-3.
The Lady Tigers had several shots on goal before scoring the



Elyse Manzi sends a pass up the field.



Gianna Roy gets ready to receive the ball.

tying goal in the second meeting.
Freshman Gianna Roy sent a pass into the box where it was deflected across the goal-line by Gawron with 13:20 left in the first quarter.
With ten seconds remaining in the opening quarter, the Lady Orioles retook the lead when a shot attempt by junior Maya Sullivan sailed into the back of the

net over the head of sophomore Rylee Suchinez.
Sophomore Kacie Levrault replaced Suchinez in goal at the start of the second quarter.
“I thought we needed to make a change at that point,” coach Marjanski said. “Kacie had never played the position in a varsity game before, but she’s one of the most athletic players on our team. She just stepped up and made a couple of big saves for us.”
Levrault managed to keep the Lady Orioles off the scoreboard during the next two quarters.
The home team tied the score again at 2-2 six minutes into the second stanza following a break-away goal by Luis, which was assisted by Lauren Marjanski.
Marjanski also scored the go-ahead goal on a rebound shot ten minutes later.

The Lady Tigers held a slim 3-2 lead until the fourth quarter.
With 8:50 remaining in the match, Lucas fired a shot into the box and junior Sarah Sedlacek was in the right spot to put the ball into the net.
Both teams had scoring chances late in the game, but the score was still deadlocked at 3-3 when the referee blew his whistle for the final time.

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1000 meter runs. The one mile and two miles are events done in both the indoor and outdoor seasons, as well as the long jump, high jump, and shot put. The outdoor season has 100, 200, 400, and 800 meter races in comparison.
Pryce said while there is nothing official, there is a lot of good feedback among the indoor track coaches in the region to move indoor track to the bubble season so competitors can

take part in the sports.
There is potential competition in the sport if it moves to the bubble season. Football is currently scheduled to be the main sport during the bubble season, set to go from Feb. 22 to mid-April. Because football is normally a fall sport and indoor track a winter sport, some students may have to choose one sport over the other if they are normally involved in both. Cheerleading is also currently supposed to be part of the Fall 2 season.

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Stratton said the PVIAC expects the winter season to go from Jan. 14 to Feb. 21. He said one other proposal had the season going from Dec. 14 to Feb. 12, but said the point about towns needing time to get approvals prevailed.
Sports specific guidelines are scheduled to be made public soon, and local town boards and school committee members would have to review them and see if they want their schools to participate.
As of now, basketball and hockey are supposed to be played while wrestling will not be allowed to have any school-to-school competition.
Stratton said while news of a vaccine continues to circulate, the PVIAC and MIAA are continuing to prepare for seasons as if the pandemic is still in effect.

“We are preparing for the conditions that currently exist until we have information that would cause us to do otherwise,” said Stratton.
The Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs issues the guidance high schools are using to play sports currently. The EEA was scheduled to release guidance for winter sports to be considered by the various subcommittees of the MIAA Board of Directors. Stratton, who is on the Sports Medicine Committee, said votes on the guidelines are ongoing.
Stratton said the PVIAC will re-evaluate the bubble leagues schools will play in. They were geographically-based, but the number of schools participating in the winter season could change. He also said with a limited number of ice hockey teams, those bubble leagues will look much different.



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South Hadley Police Log

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Editor's note: The following are brief explanations of select entries in the South Hadley Police log and arrests for the week of Nov. 2 to Nov. 15. The information was provided by Chief Jennifer Gunderson based on review of the detailed log summary. This feature is designed to provide context and explanation to some of the calls police respond to every day. Mass General Law prohibits the release of names of those arrested for domestic incidents.

Monday, Nov. 2

7:37 p.m. – Anderson Martinez, 40, of 63 Eastern Dr, Chicopee was arrested on a warrant. Officers were on patrol when they found there was a vehicle parked after dark in Canal Park. The officer spoke with the occupants and it was determined one occupant had an outstanding warrant out of Holyoke district court. They were placed under arrest.

Tuesday, Nov. 3

12:31 p.m. – Officers took a report that a juvenile was being harassed on Snapchat. The parents were spoken to and the matter was resolved among the parties.

Wednesday, Nov. 4

9:46 p.m. – Officers took a report of someone leaving the scene of property damage. A Chicopee resident reported being involved in a crash on Granby Rd and an involved vehicle left the scene. The vehicle was described as a Jeep Grand Cherokee which collided with reporting party's vehicle and left the scene. The reporting party was unable to identify the operator of the vehicle. There is no information at this time.

Friday, Nov. 6

8:39 a.m. – A resident reported a package was stolen and the following day it was returned. The reporting party said they left the package outside to following day because of COVID-19. Then the UPS worker saw it, they thought it was delivered to the wrong address and brought it to a different address. The package was eventually reunited with the reporting party.

1:10 p.m. – Kyle Barboza, 30, of 1215 Dwight St, Holyoke, was arrested on two warrants and charges of possession of class B drugs and shoplifting by asportation. Officers received a report of a male party who was shoplifting at Big Y was fleeing on foot. A description of the individual was given to officers who located clothing items in a nearby cemetery. A party matching the description was found on Granby Rd. The party was identified, detained and placed under arrest. While doing a search of the suspect's person, a pipe containing crack/cocaine residue was found. The suspect allegedly stole items valuing \$438.

Saturday, Nov. 7

2:02 p.m. – vehicle south on Hadley St. cross over the center line went off roadway on left side came back into the roadway struck the right side of vehicle heading north on Hadley St. operator of the vehicle was sited failing to stay in marked lanes. No injuries and no one towed from the scene.

Monday Nov. 9

7:23 a.m. – Officers took a report from a Westbrook Rd. resident who stated there was an incident of breaking and entering into their unlocked car. There are no suspects at this time.

10:06 a.m. – Miguel Angel Diaz, 36, of 174 Narragansett Blvd, Chicopee, was arrested on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended suspend/revoked license, uninsured motor vehicle and an unregistered motor vehicle. An officer was monitoring traffic and ran a routine compliance check. Upon getting more information, it was found the driver's plate was revoked for insurance.

Wednesday, Nov. 11

10:55 a.m. – Officers took a report that three vehicles were entered into overnight on Canal St. A wallet and money was stolen out of one of the vehicles. One victim reported a male subject in the area that no one recognized. The subject was a his 20s to 30s wearing a gray hoodie with a red beard.

11:02 a.m. – Officers responded to an accident on Granby Rd. One vehicle was travelling south on Granby Rd and the second was going north and attempted to make a left turn into a parking lot. The second vehicle turned into path of the first, causing the accident. The operator of the first vehicle was issued a summons on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. The second operator was issued a summons for failure to yield to an oncoming vehicle. Two people were injured in the accident. An operator and one passenger reported minor injuries. Both were transported by ambulance to Holyoke Medical Center.

11:19 p.m. – Officers took a report that a person was trying to enter cars by attempting to open unlocked doors. Officers searched the area and were unable to locate the suspect. There is no further information at this time.

Friday, Nov. 13

5:05 a.m. – An officer took a report of a breaking and entering incident into a car. The involved vehicle was parked in the Sunoco Gas Station parking lot when their was entered and a large quantity of cigarettes were stolen from vehicle. The incident occurred sometime between 7 and 9:30. There is no other information at this time.

9:48 a.m. – An officer took a report from a person involved in a road rage incident. The incident culminated on the Holyoke side of the Veteran's Bridge. The matter was referred to the Holyoke Police Department.

3:20 – An officer took a report of breaking and entering into an unlocked vehicle in Kenlee Gardens. A small amount of loose change was stolen. There is no other information at this time.

5:14 p.m. – Officers took a report of a hit and run in the Sok's Bar and Grill parking lot. There are no suspects at this time.

Sunday, Nov. 15

7:55 a.m. – A Bridge St. resident reported they believed someone entered their apartment while they were gone. No items were taken, but there was damage to a glass kitchen table. The matter is under investigation.

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Members were complimentary of both candidates and expressed the difficulty of making the choice.

School Committee member Charles Miles said he supported Mosley because of the school's long-term goals.

"We have such a need for long-term strategy, for a depth of experience and ability to get a grip around this budget that is causing us to lay off teachers, and custodians, and lose programs," Miles said. "We have got to put a stop to that process and I came out of these interviews with a strong impression that Dr. Mosley was the right candidate for that leadership because of the vision and financial grasp."

School Committee Allyson Garcia agreed with Miles.

"I believe Mosley is committed to building trust," Garcia said. "He has a real passion for people and understanding and getting to know people."

School Committee member Christine Phillips said the school district would be fortunate regardless of the candidate selected, but supported Mosley as her first choice.

She said the district and the community owes Bonneville "a debt of gratitude" for her service as the interim superintendent.

"There is a lot to manage and do," said Phillips. "You have to have a visionary when you're thinking about the saying the things we need to hear and then have the experience of having done it."

Belanger said he disagreed and supported Bonneville who the district "hasn't seen in her full gear."

"She is so respectful of the institution in town and understood that a process was going to play out," Belanger said. "Because the superintendent has power that can fully reshape a distract, she was put in a no-win situation and she won. I believe she is a homegrown rock star that has been chomping at the bit for the chance for actually show, and

has shown, she has what it takes to do that job."

Foley said she believed each candidate would be good for the district, but felt Bonneville was the right fit.

"All of the relationships she's established and in all the change that she's brought in less than a year is amazing," Foley said. "I felt more safe in the district when she became superintendent. I actually had a connection with the superintendent and felt comfortable going to her."

Speaking about Bonneville, Schlachter said Bonneville wasn't able to show what she was capable of doing.

"She is limited both because of the pandemic and the tag of 'interim,'" she said. "The institutional knowledge can't be replaced or replicated, it's invaluable. There is something to be said about coming in fresh and looking at from big picture, with an external lens, looking at the school system from someone who is not emersed in it."

She also clarified that Mosley, who lives in New Hampshire, has a home in Brattleboro, Vermont and would be willing to commute from there during the week.

Miles added that none of the candidates live in South Hadley. He also made the motion to hire Mosley as the superintendent pending successful contract negotiation. The motion was seconded by Garcia.

Both Belanger and Schlachter decided to vote in favor of Mosley.

Belanger said he would vote for Mosley as "a show of unanimous support of what they believe could happen for the town."

Before making her vote, Schlachter said she wanted people to know how deeply Bonneville was appreciated by the board. She said she felt conflicted about the decision even as the board was about to vote on the motion.

"I also want to be united in this and I do believe in him," she said. "I think sometimes taking a risk even if it is super scary."

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the committee wanted to spread word of the bylaw in hopes of preventing a similar debate.

South Hadley's Annual Town Meeting on June 17 was a short but contentious affair.

When numerous Town Meeting members requested Dr. Trevor Baptiste, an African American South Hadley resident and former Chair of the Amherst-Pelham School Committee, be permitted to speak on an item pertinent to both policing and the school district, Hine went to great lengths to prevent the microphone from entering his hands.

"Residents who are not Town Meeting members do not have a right to speak," said Hine on June 17, and repeatedly expressed his belief that only he had the authority to permit non-Town Meeting members from taking the podium. Despite Baptiste's educational background and residence in South Hadley, Hine strongly proclaimed that Baptiste could not add any relevant substance to the conversation.

"I'm not quite sure what the intent of the speaker would be other than to advocate for a position or not," said Hine on June 17.

Only after arguing with multiple Town Meeting members for nearly a half-hour did Hine finally allow Baptiste

to speak for three minutes.

Awad then drafted a memo, which was edited by committee member Ira Brezinsky. The committee hoped that the memo would be delivered to all Town Meeting members, but that request has not yet been met.

"I have been told by the Chair of the Selectboard [Jeff Cyr] that they didn't feel it was necessary to forward it to town counsel because there's no conflict [between state and local bylaws]. The whole idea is to get the memo out and move on, and have a Town Meeting and see if it ever happens that people want to recognize a speaker," said Awad.

The Selectboard instead discussed the memo during a recent meeting. Awad, however, is not satisfied.

"I continue to think, as a Town Meeting member, that I would prefer to get a hard copy or an emailed copy, essentially, so that I could read it. Some people do better in reading a piece of paper or a screen than they do hearing someone's voice," she said.

Brezinsky also questioned why the message can't be delivered to each Town Meeting member. He noted that it is not a grueling task.

"I'm not sure why there would be any hesitancy to simply put the memo out," he said. "It doesn't cost anything. There's certainly nothing to hide."

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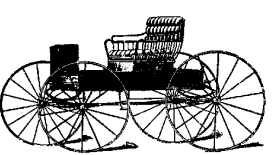
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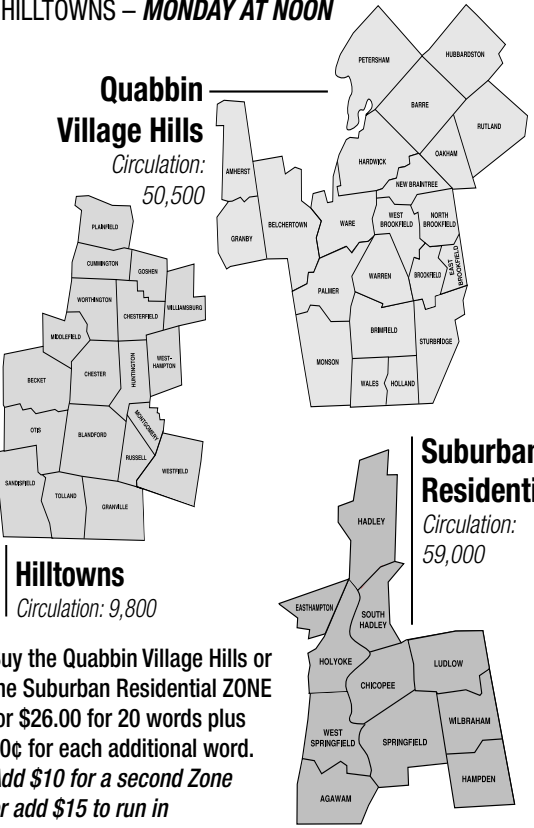
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Public Notices

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY MASSACHUSETTS CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The South Hadley Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act MGL Chapter 131, Section 40 and the South Hadley local wetlands bylaw, to consider a Notice of Intent filed by FSi Oil and Propane, Inc. for the construction of a 50' x 60' accessory building within Riverfront Area to Buttery Brook as a Riverfront Area Redevelopment Project under 310 CMR 10.58(5) at 27 Gaylord Street, South Hadley (Map 18 Parcel 110).

The hearing will be held on **Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 6:00 pm virtual-ly/online**. Due to the State of Emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic, login information will be provided with the posted agenda on the Town website.

A copy of Notice of Intent is on file in the Conservation Commission office, Room 204, in the Town Hall, and is available to the public for inspection between the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 4:30

P.M. Monday thru Friday by appointment.

Any person interested or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated.

Bill DeLuca
Conservation Chair
11/27/2020

Town of Granby Massachusetts Conservation Commission

The Granby Conservation Commission will hold Public Hearings pursuant to the Wetland Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40) on Tuesday December 8, 2020 @*1 Library Lane-Old Carnegie Library-Top Floor to consider the following:

1. At 7:30 "RDA" filed by Properties Plus, LLC- Stephen Marion, Agent to see whether boundaries are accurately delineated and the work depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced are subject to the Wetlands Protection Act or with regards to prop- erty located at 121 West State Street and known as Map 3 -Lot 1, Plan 246 Page 125, Parcel 8.2 in the Town of Granby.

*This meeting may have to be held in a remote ses- sion. Please go to [https:// www.granby-ma.gov/conser- vation-commission/agenda/](https://www.granby-ma.gov/conser- vation-commission/agenda/)

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Anyone interested, and wishing to be heard, should appear at the time and place designated. The complete materials (including text and maps) relative to this "RDA" are available for inspection during regular business hours at Granby Town Hall.

Edward Chapdelaine, Vice Chair
Granby Conservation Commission
11/27/2020

Town of Granby Massachusetts Conservation Commission

The Granby Conservation Commission will hold Public Hearings pursuant to the Wetland Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40) on **Tuesday, December 8, 2020** at *1 Library Lane-Old Carnegie Library-Top Floor to consider the following:

1. At 7:30 "NOI" Filed by Eugene & Susan Boardway, for a proposed repair to an on-site septic system for an existing Single-Family House and proposed new well with- in 50 foot buffer zone with regards to property located

at 163 Batchelor Street and known as Map 10-0C-38 in the Town of Granby.

2. At 7:30 "NOI" Filed by Alfred Martin, for a proposed repair on-site septic system with retaining wall and associ- ated grading in the buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wet- land with regards to property located at 56 Harris Street and known as Map 13-B-19 in the Town of Granby

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working with virtual groups, doing livestream events for classrooms and doing virtual and professional development workshops. We continue to do that, and, of course, we're certainly seeing a higher demand for that now," said Waring.

During the pandemic, museum staffers focused on building a robust social media following that has been frequently used to post collections of images and virtual access to galleries. Several exhibitions are available online in their entirety.

"We have two online exhibitions running right now that people can go to our website and see," said Waring. "One is called, 'Art in Place,' and is all about social distancing in the studio. It's been wonderful to hear from studio artists about what they've done during COVID."

The second exhibition is titled "Now and Then," and was originally created inside of the museum prior to the outbreak of COVID-19. Due to its short running time, the team at the Carle elected to post it online.

As of Nov. 23, the museum remains open to the public on a part-time basis. The facility is open every Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and on Sunday from 12 p.m. until 4 p.m.

The building will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas and New Year's Day. Inside the facility, staff members are paying close attention to state guidelines and have implemented several safeguards to maximize safety.

The Carle suggests that patrons reserve a time slot prior to their arrival, although walk-in guests will be welcomed. The museum has reduced its capacity limits in accordance to Massachusetts guidelines.

Waring has observed many of the Carle's regular patrons return since the institution reopened in August. Others have not, which is okay also.

"We do have museum members that we miss seeing. We've seen some of them back, but not all of them have returned. We're thinking about ways that we can still connect with them. Our museum shop has curbside pickup. If anyone would like to purchase something but not come into the building, we can ar-



A pair of excited patrons stand beside a life size picture of Eric Carle, the children's book author and illustrator for whom the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art in Amherst is named after.

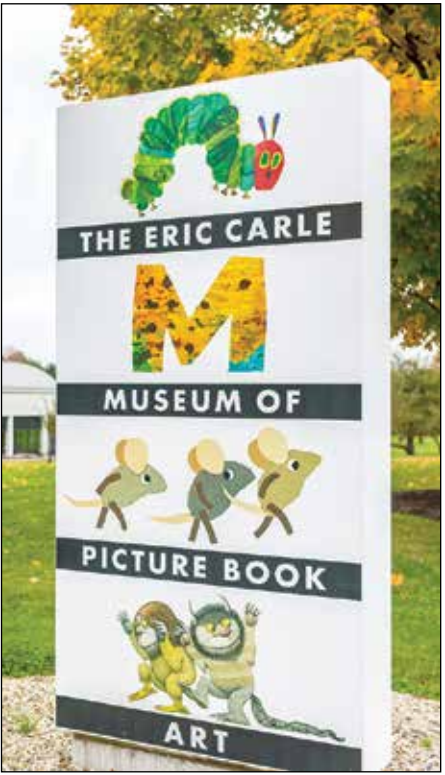
range for curbside," said Waring.

"Also, our museum members, who maybe aren't ready to come back inside the museum and miss coming into the art studios, can contact us and arrange for an art project to-go bag, and that can also be picked up with our curbside service," she continued.

More information on the Carle can be found at carlemuseum.org.

Dalton Zbierski is a Staff Writer and can be reached at dzbierski@turley.com.

Courtesy photos
The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art remains open in Amherst.




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